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Baystate Health Hospitals, local schools prepared for coronavirus

By Jonah Snowden
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Day by day, the novel coronavirus and disease COVID-19 is spreading to more people across the world. In Massachusetts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that as of Mar. 9, there

were 41 confirmed and suspected cases in the state, though none were in Hampden County.

Area schools and hospitals have been preparing for a possible outbreak and taking extra precautions to help prevent the spread of the disease.

WorldOMeter reported that as of Mar. 9, there were 114,271 cases worldwide, with over 4,009 deaths. Researchers are

working on a vaccine to protect against an infection, and the CDC as well as the Massachusetts Department of Health are currently testing to detect which individuals have the virus.

In Massachusetts, Baystate Hospitals across the state will continue to screen patients who visit their emergency departments and urgent care centers. Although these screenings are

available, Dr. Megan Gallagher, Infectious Disease Specialist from Baystate Medical Center, said that she recommends that patients who may be in fear of catching the virus call ahead before visiting a Baystate emergency department.

“We are asking that people

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Candidates for Recreation Commission, Board of Public Works

By Elise Linscott
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LUDLOW – Town elections will be held Mar. 23, and there are two contested races on the ballot; four candidates are running for two seats on the Board of Public Works, and two candidates are running for one seat on the Recreation Commission.

The Register asked each of these candidates for statements on why they’re running, their background and what issues they’d like to tackle if elected.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thomas Haluch

Age: 70

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I have been serving on the Board of Public Works for a period of 27 years. I graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelor of Science degree. I was born in Ludlow Hospital and am the son of Donna and Raymond Haluch.

My father owned and operated Haluch’s Dairy delivering

milk to the people of Ludlow from 1920 to 1975. I coached the youth football and youth Girls basketball program for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

I am the owner and operator of Haluch Water Contracting for 40 years. I have also been the President of the Ludlow Fish & Game Club for 40 years.

I’m passionate in my commitment to serving the Town.

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MSPCA gives update on neglected Ludlow horses

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – The MSPCA at Nevins Farm recently saved two horses on Alden St. that were involved in what is considered a serious case of animal neglect.

The horses, 13-year-old Shakira and 11-year-old Tia, faced neglect by their former owner Nancy Golec, which resulted in them being unable to leave their stalls because of being trapped in a massive pile of manure, having overgrown and disfigured hooves, as well as overgrown teeth. Golec is currently facing four counts of felony animal cruelty.

After being discovered, and being dug out of their manure by MSPCA, which took two hours to complete, the horses are currently being rehabilitated at Nevins Farm.

As reported by MSCPA, as of Mar. 2, the horses have a long list of physical needs that are being tended to, with the feet being most critical; Tia has grown in a way that impacted the structure, growth, and direction of the bones in her foot. Because of this, her journey to recovery will be more difficult.

Ellie Montieth, Manager at the Ecline and Farm Animal Program at the farm, said that

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Baird student wins wrestling tournament

By Anne Marie Corrieri
Special correspondent

LUDLOW – Baird Middle School sixth-grader, Samantha Bertini, has been wrestling for approximately four years. Recently she participated in her first official event, the 2020 New England K-12 Girls Wrestling Tournament, walking away with a first-place finish in the grade 5-6 Division (70-71 weight class).

When asked how she became interested in wrestling, Samantha responded, “My younger brother, Charlie, has been wrestling for a long time. He’s won lots of events, even the state championship. I’d go watch him and then I got interested and started wrestling myself.”

Currently she is coached by her stepfather, James Soffen, at



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Baird Middle School sixth-grader, Samantha Bertini, recently won first place in the grade 5-6 Division of the 2020 New England K-12 Girls Wrestling Tournament.

Falcon Youth Wrestling in Wilbraham, and Crazy Monkeys Wrestling in Springfield. She hopes to one day be a member of the Ludlow High School Wrestling Team like her older sister, Alora.

“Right now there are no teams for my age in Ludlow,” said Samantha. “When I’m in the eighth-grade I can tryout for the high school [Ludlow] team.”

Although passionate about wrestling Samantha’s talents are diverse. Her interests also include soccer, martial arts, singing and acting.

As a Veterans Park School student, the fifth-grader she was a member of the 2019 drama production, “Seussical Jr.” and hopes, in the future, to per-

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Professor receives \$3.3 million for Boys & Girls Club collaboration

HOLYOKE – Monica Wang, Boston University assistant professor of community health sciences, has received a five-year, \$3.3 million grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for a first-of-its-kind initiative to reduce sugary drink consumption and obesity risk at 10 Boys & Girls Clubs around Massachusetts starting Feb. 1.

The H2GO! Program will use an empowerment strategy based on youth-produced narratives, scaling up from a pilot study last year at the BGC in Worcester. That study found participants and their parents and guardians consumed fewer sugary drinks and more water over a six-month period, and the youths had decreased zBMI scores (an adjusted body-mass index measurement that takes into account how children grow), compared to counterparts at a demographically-similar BGC in nearby Lowell.

“What’s most exciting to me is that we designed this program to empower youth as positive change agents in their families and communities,” Wang says. “The



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Participants in the Worcester pilot graduate from a program to reduce the onsumption of sugary drinks, which will now be brought to other Boys & Girls Clubs soon through a \$3.3 million grant.

breadth of creativity and depth of the personal stories they shared in the pilot study has by far been the most rewarding aspect of the project to witness.”

In the six-week H2GO! sessions, BGC staff will lead 9 to 12-year-olds in activities promoting replacing sugar-sweetened beverages with water, including blind taste tests of flavored water, a corner store scavenger hunt, and role play skits about ways to drink water and what to do when tempted by sugary drinks. The youths will also create written, audio, and video narratives to promote replacing sugary drinks with water and provide strategies for doing so—and teach their parents or guardians what they have learned each week by sharing their narratives. The youths then lead a culminating BGC community event, featuring their narratives and taste tests.

“Our team designed H2GO! to be integrated within BGCs, making it well-positioned for scalability,” Wang says. “BGCs are an ideal setting for youth and community health promotion, particularly given

their emphasis on empowering youth to lead healthy, productive lives.”

Participants in the Worcester pilot graduate from the program. Photo by Monica Wang.

After the pilot, Wang says that several BGCs around the state expressed interest in implementing a program such as H2GO! through their existing health programming infrastructure.

“Targeting sugary drink intake and obesity through youth empowerment is so appealing for Boys & Girls Clubs because it supports our goal of helping young people make good decisions,” says Jennifer Aldworth, executive director of the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. “This curriculum is a great complement to the array of programs Boys & Girls Clubs currently offer, which develop young people’s capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, set personal goals, and grow into self-sufficient adults.”

Thanks to the new grant, Wang and colleagues will be expanding the program in a randomized trial with 10 BGCs spread across the commonwealth. Five of the BGCs will implement the H2GO. curriculum, while the other five will serve as controls (and then also receive the intervention after the researchers complete their data collection). The trial is slated to include BGCs in Lowell, Lawrence, Waltham, Allston, Holyoke, Westfield, Plymouth, Brockton, and two sites in Worcester.

The project is an academic-community collaboration between Boston University’s Schools of Public Health and Social Work, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs.

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Retirement party for Police Chief
Pablo Madera set for Friday

LUDLOW - The family of Ludlow Police Chief Pablo Madera will be holding an open-house style retirement celebration on Friday, March 13 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

at the Polish American Citizens Club, 355 East St. in Ludlow. There will be a cash bar and appetizers available. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door.

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Ludlow native now Las Vegas coach

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas Legends FC has named Rogério Mendes of Ludlow the new women's team head coach, the soccer club announced Sunday. The team is among the latest to join the Women's Premier Soccer League as a 2020 expansion team.

"From youth World Cup to former WPSL players, the wealth of experience being showcased on the Legends women's coaching staff is exceptional," stated Mendes. "Las Vegas has gained traction as a major sports city and I'm proud to lead this qualified team," he added. "This league's expansion offers opportunities to female players in the Las Vegas Valley to compete at a national level with the necessary resources to win national titles."

Mendes, a coach of over 20 years, possesses a National A License from the United States Soccer Federation (USFF.) He has managed a women's USL W-League team, coached a U17 women's Massachusetts ODP team and won a women's California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) championship in San Diego. He will be assisted by a coaching staff that includes Nelson Medina, Pedram Mahinpey, Keren Sharabi, Mike



Turley Publications submitted photo

Ludlow native Rogério Mendes is now the Las Vegas Legends FC coach.

Madrid, McKenzie Karas and Romilio Gomez.

"Attending games as a child with my father at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, Mass. is how my passion for soccer was inspired. Soccer is part of the culture there so naturally, it is where my coaching career began," he stated. Mendes coached

for the Western Mass Junior Pioneers (now known as the Western United Pioneers), at East Longmeadow and West Springfield high schools and was a director of the Western Mass Lady Pioneers. Mendes added, "Player development has always been at the core, no matter where I coach in the world or at which level."

Local leaders deliver Meals on Wheels

Support will help to fight senior hunger and isolation

SPRINGFIELD – In celebration of the 18th Annual March for Meals – a month-long, nation-wide celebration of Meals on Wheels and the vulnerable seniors who rely on the vital service to remain independent at home – WestMass ElderCare hosted local leaders and Congressional aides at a "March for Meals" Open House at their Meals on Wheels kitchen today.

Among the guests who attended were Koby Garder-Levine, aide to U.S. Congressman James McGovern; Jeanne Ahern, aide to U.S. Congressman Richard Neal; and Derek Debarge, chairman, Ludlow Board of Selectmen.

After taking a tour of "Nutrition Central," the kitchen where WMEC heats and sends out over 1,200 daily meals to area seniors, Garder-Levine, Ahern and Debarge were each paired

with a Meals on Wheels driver and then headed out to deliver lunch to elders in their districts.

Ahern, who delivered meals to Neal's constituents in Chicopee, said she learned so much working with WMEC driver Samuel Aquino. "Sam is the perfect Meals on Wheels driver," she said. "The people were so appreciative of the meal we brought, and they just beamed when they saw Sam coming. I can't say enough good things about this experience and this program."

The annual March for Meals celebration commemorates the historic day in March of 1972, when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 and older. Since 2002, community-based Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

"The nutrition services we provide are a lifeline for seniors, and the need is rapidly increasing," said Roseann Martoccia, WMEC's executive director. "Our Meals on Wheels Program delivers so much more than just a hot meal. Our drivers are sometimes the only person a senior will see all day, so this program serves an important safety and social function as well."

For more information on how you can support the nutrition and safety of seniors in your community this March, visit www.wmelder.org and march-formeals.com.

WestMass ElderCare, Inc. is a private, nonprofit agency founded in 1974 that serves the communities of Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadley, Granby, Belchertown, Ludlow and Ware. As part of a national network of Aging Services Access Points and Area Agencies on Aging, WMEC provides a broad range of services to preserve the dignity, independence, and quality of life of seniors and persons with disabilities who desire to remain in their own homes and communities.

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Ludlow Country Club hosts 10th annual Cancer Care Fundraiser

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – On Saturday, Mar. 7, the 10th annual fundraiser, titled “Get Your Pink On!” took place at the Ludlow Country Club. Money collected from the dinner will be sent to the Cancer Care Fund at Mass General Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Turley Publications by Jonah Snowden
L to R: Caitlyn Lundberg, Karen Gunther, Jackie Emond, and Danielle Johnson.



L to R: Teresa Gregorio, Paula Grelha, Cecilia Serra, and Eugenia Costa.



In conjunction with the fundraiser, guests in attendance had the chance to take a picture with the New England Patriots’ 6 Super Bowl Trophies.



Guests head over to the food, provided by the Salt & Pepper Associates.



Guests try their luck over at the raffle table.



L to R: Justin Calheno, Retail Lending Business Development Officer at Country Bank, Michael Gove, Owner of Gove Law Office, Jennifer Margolis, Senior Development Officer at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Amanda Carpe, Lawyer at Gove Law Office), and Caitlin Lundberg, Director of Hospital Based Clinical Practices at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.



Spotlight Speaker Nikki Stoia, conducting the group Singers for Survivors, through their musical performance.



Spotlight Speaker Nikki Stoia, thanking the guests for coming out, and acknowledges them as Caregivers, since the money they spent at the dinner will be going to the Mass General Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.



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Boston House fundrasier at Villa Rose on March 18

Hope & Healing for
Children with cancer

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – When her granddaughter Grace Cloutier entered remission and came home after months of staying at the Boston House: Hope & Healing for Children with Cancer, Connie Doughty felt inspired to give back to the same place that helped her family when they were in need.

By giving back, Doughty is working with Tony Tavares, owner of the Villa Rose Restaurant, to host fundraisers on Mar. 18 and Aug. 12. Twenty-percent of all the proceeds made both days will be collected and later sent off to the Boston House.

After experiencing this life-changing event and witnessing the kindness of the staff at the Boston House, Doughty said that she wanted to return the favor by supporting them in any way she can is

necessary.

“When you’ve been through something like this, you’re so thankful for every little thing that anybody does for you,” said Doughty. “They are so kind to the families, because they know what we’re going through. Once it’s all done, it’s like I got to give back. Without these people we wouldn’t have made it.”

Since their establishment in 1979, the Boston House has served as another home for children with cancer and their families. The house provides all guests with low-cost and convenient accommodations in a comfortable home-like structure.

Since it is an independent community-supported nonprofit organization, 100-percent of the funding comes from companies, organizations, and individuals. To learn more about the Boston House, or to donate ahead of the fundraisers, visit <https://www.thebostonhouse.org/>, or call 617-734-333.

As for more information on the upcoming fundraisers, call Villa Rose, located at 1428 Center St., at 413-547-6667.

Dog licenses available now

LUDLOW – Current dog licenses expire March 31. Due to the Presidential Primary, licenses will be available starting March 4 in the Town Clerk’s office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dog owner’s must have a valid rabies certificate to obtain a dog license. Neutered/spayed dogs are \$15; dogs that are not spayed/neutered are \$20. Residents have the option to obtain a license by

mail. A form is available on the town of Ludlow’s website. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Send to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

Late fees will be assessed with a \$10 fine after June 30, 2020.

Anyone with questions may contact the Town Clerk’s office at 413- 583-5600, ext. 1230.

Lupa Zoo fundraiser on March 14

LUDLOW – Lupa Zoo will hold its “17th annual Winter Fundraiser” on Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at the Polish American Citizen’s Club located at 355 East St. There will be Polish-American buffet diner, a raffle and music. Tickets are \$35 each. To purchase tickets, call 413-589-9883 or email info@lupazoo.org.

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she is happy the horses are currently under rehabilitation, and is looking forward to them making a recovery.

“They’re just both pretty and sweet horses, its exciting to see them explore these new pastures in a short period of time,” said Montieth.

Once they have been completely rehabilitated, they will be put up for adoption, Montieth said.

For more information on the horses, contact the farm at 978-687-7453.

TOWN OF LUDLOW RECREATION COMMISSION

The Ludlow Recreation Commission is accepting applications for summer seasonal positions: **Head Lifeguard:** must be 18 years of age, **Lifeguarding/First Aide, CPR, and Waterfront** certifications required to work at Haviland Pond - 37½ hr/wk - \$16.75 p/h **Lifeguard:** must be at least 16 years of age, **Lifeguarding/First Aide, CPR and Waterfront** certifications required to work at Haviland Pond - 37½ hr/wk - \$14.75 p/h
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Thompson Pool: **Headguard:** must be 18 years of age – 37½ hr/wk - \$15.75 p/h **Lifeguard:** must be 16 years of age – 37½ hr/wk - \$13.75 p/h
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Applications are available at Whitney Park from 5:30am-12:30pm or 3:00-6:00pm - March 16TH - April 3rd, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be on April 14TH.
Any questions please call 583-8856, Monday-Friday. The Recreation Office is located at Whitney Park.



Events

Tuesday, March 17 at 11 p.m. ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCH. We hope you signed up early because this is definitely our most popular event of the year. Special entertainment by Sarah the Fiddler! Thank you to Ludlow Cultural Council for this event.

Tuesday, March 17 starting at 2 p.m. Brown Bag pick-up. Please note that due to the large holiday lunch today, Brown Bag pick-up is delayed.

Movies

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EDITORIAL

Dear Ludlow and Indian Orchard residents and readers,

As the new editor of the Register, I'd like to formally introduce myself, tell you a little about my background and invite you to send me your feedback, story ideas and letters.

I'm a Western Massachusetts native and a graduate of Western New England University, where I studied communication with a concentration in journalism. During my senior year, I also completed an internship with the Springfield Republican and later signed on as a freelancer with the paper. After graduating, I worked as a staff writer for the weekly Inquirer and Mirror newspaper on Nantucket, where I learned all about the ins and outs of community journalism, what makes a strong newspaper and how to dig into important stories that need to be reported.

After leaving Nantucket, I moved to Seattle and worked as a freelance journalist for publications including the Seattle Times, along with several national websites and trade publications. But I couldn't resist the draw to move back east; Western Massachusetts is a unique place, filled with vibrant people, culture and landscapes from farmlands to mountains and rivers, all within a short drive.

Since moving back, I started writing again for the Republican and affiliate website MassLive.com, along with the Daily Hampshire Gazette. But, working from home, I missed being an active part of a newsroom, with colleagues I could bounce ideas off and laugh (and commiserate) with as part of a team, which led me to my job search and new home with Turley Publications.

I'm inspired by all I've learned and everyone I've met from Ludlow and Indian Orchard in my new role so far; I can tell this is a community where residents are proud of where they're from and everything that makes this a special place to live, from the strong Portuguese and Polish heritage to the numerous thriving small businesses I've visited so far. I'm especially looking forward to partaking in Festa celebrations in September!

When I'm not writing, I can often be found playing my ukulele and singing at home, reading a book in a cafe or skateboarding when the weather's nice.

Now, I want to hear from you – what stories do you want to see in these pages? Are there issues you're concerned about, community leaders you think deserve recognition, or events you're excited to attend? If so, please drop me a line at elinscott@turley.com. You can also reach me here with press releases, calendar items or letters to the editor.

Elise Linscott,
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ludlow Sports Complex

I have been coaching track & field and teaching at Ludlow High School for 19 years and have been a Ludlow resident for the last 12 years. Throughout the years I have had the pleasure of working with many great kids. I have seen how being part of a team can make a big difference in a kid's life. Sports help build confidence, relieve stress, develop social skills and build relationships. Athletic events are also a great way to bring families and communities together. At a home sports complex families and peers rally together to cheer on their team. Ludlow has always been known for their athletic programs. Throughout the past 15 years Ludlow has had one of the biggest track & field programs in western mass and has averaged around 120 participants per year in that time frame. Our most exciting track meets have been at our home complex when the kids can compete in front of their friends and family. It is also critical

to our athletes' success to have a facility to train on. Workouts are designed to be done on a track. These workouts help all Ludlow athletes to be stronger, faster and more athletic. Unfortunately, Ludlow athletes are confined to train in the parking lot where they have to wait for cars to drive by or on a grass field that cannot be used for a few days after it rains. It is disappointing that our student athletes are left to practice under these conditions while so many other towns have upgraded to state of the art facilities. This project is long overdue and the track & field committee along with the engineers have spent the last seven months preparing everything to make sure the project is done right. This project affects a wide variety of people in our community. If you would like to learn more about the project, please log onto www.ludlow-sportscomplex.org.

Brian Walsh

Board of Health address Aldent St. horses

Dear Ludlow Residents, the Board of Health is very saddened by the recent tragic and inhumane incident involving horses on Alden Street. Our hearts go out to the animals involved as well as to those who have been impacted emotionally by this devastating event. The Board of Health is responsible for conducting annual barn inspections which happen in the fall. This responsibility comes from the MA Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately we are not aware of all those in town who have farm animals. Whether on a working farm, or as family pets, the BOH needs to gather certain information about these animals into a "barn book" for the MA DOA. For more information about these barn inspections please visit the MA DOA website at https://www.mass.gov/service-details/municipal-animal-inspector-qualifications-and-duties. The information gathered is strictly confidential and cannot be shared with the public.

The BOH relies on resident reporting of the locations of farm animals or self-reporting by their owners. Sometimes during inspections or driving around town we discover additional locations. However, there are still many farm animals in our community that we are not aware of. This unfortunately was the case with the most recent event on Alden Street. We do not want another incident of animal cruelty to happen

again. Our resident animal friends cannot speak up for themselves, so if you see something or hear about something involving a potential case of abuse or neglect, please do not hesitate to contact the MSP-CA at 617-522-6008 or 800-628-5808.

The BOH needs your help in identifying the locations of farm animals in our community. If you know of any, or are the owners of farm animals (and you have not been getting an annual barn inspection from us), please contact me at 413-583-5600 ext 1265. Again the location and animal owner's information are kept confidential per MA DOA laws. We respect anonymous reporters' identities.

This is a community effort to make sure that all farm animals kept in the town of Ludlow are inspected by our Animal Inspector to ensure they are disease free and healthy looking, have adequate shelter, access to food and water, have necessary paperwork and vaccinations (if applicable), and living in good sanitation to prevent disease and nuisances.

Thank you for your help.
Andrea Crete
Health Agent
Ludlow Board of Health

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting proposed track field project

I have been coaching track & field and teaching at Ludlow High School for 19 years and have been a Ludlow resident for the last 12 years. Throughout the years I have had the pleasure of working with many great kids. I have seen as a former track athlete and current volunteer track coach it is my pleasure to be writing in support of the new track project. When I was an athlete the track was still in usable shape however the injuries increased the more we used it as the season went on. I was someone who only did track my senior year. Within that one year the track team gave me more than I could have ever imagined. Looking back at my experience and thinking that future classes may never get that same experience pains me. Coming back as a volunteer coach I really get to see the younger students mold and sculpt their future as they

reach their goals and find great success at their sport. Due to the current condition of the track these students are limited to their potential without the proper track and equipment necessary for them to excel. I understand that as a town we have recently added two big projects with the new senior center and Harris Brook Elementary School. However, this is a project that can no longer be put to the side. We see all these other towns with such great facilities and they see their athletes succeeding everyday. This is demoralizing for our athletes to see these facilities at a meet and come back to a track that can't be used. I ask that we give the future classes a chance to have the same amazing experiences that I and other athletes have had over the years.

Alex Goncalves

GUEST COLUMN

Springing ahead in Daylight Saving Time

When Daylight Saving Time arrived early last Sunday morning, it was protocol to put our clocks ahead one hour. Did you really “Spring ahead?”

During this 2020 Leap Year, especially with that added an extra day added to the natural calendar, did you jump for joy about the time change? Or, like many of us, did the next morning find you measuring out extra scoops of coffee grounds into the morning-blend brew maker? And, then, of course, you added several scoops of an energy-burst sweetener, instead of using one teaspoon.

One wonders if across our earth's Northern Hemisphere gazillions of clock changers climbed their walls in an hourly exercise? Were they able to run, like clockwork-- from room to room pushing all time-measuring instruments one hour ahead? Sometimes, changing clocks, in a home, a school, a business, in a timely manner doesn't always happen.

We can only imagine the conversations after losing an hour's sleep. Or, do we have to imagine?

“Our days aren't long enough. Why take an hour away?” overheard at breakfast time Mumble Grumbles.

“I'm not late for school. The car clock's wrong.”

It's not Monday morning already-- is it?”

“What's the REAL time?”

“Daylight Savings Time-Why are they saving it, and where do they keep it?” proclaimed by Mr. Anonymous.

“Spring Ahead”, is a mnemonic phrase that helps us to remember when Daylight Saving Time marches ahead. “Fall behind” is another axiom that helps us to remind when Daylight Savings Time retreats toward autumn and winter months.

“Losing an hour's sleep means that getting up in the morning is often a matter of mind over mattress. Gaining an hour of daylight, in an evening, is always a matter of enjoying hours of extended twilight,” says me.

Some may feel that our “Spring forward” has sprung. Winter weighed in. Our bounce-per-ounce of energy was totally depleted during this extra Leap Year day plunge. Take courage. Springing ahead in Daylight Saving Time happens only once a year. Until fall. Then it's autumn-matic.



By Joan E. B. Coombs

GUEST COLUMN

What to value about America

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Sometimes, you just need to step back. The political conversations I hear these days are strikingly negative, dominated by what's amiss in Washington, by the deep divisions in the country, by President Trump's actions and the aftermath of his impeachment, and by the difficult problems we face but seem to make little progress toward resolving. There's a lot of discouragement out there.

I've done my share of carping, too. But at times like these, I find it helpful to draw back and look for the positives, as a reminder not to lose sight of the benefits we all share as Americans.

For one thing, in the great game of world politics I'm pleased to be able to identify with the United States. We are not always right as a nation, though often we are. We have an economy that remains the envy of the world. Even if it's not the record-breaking marvel the President claims, we've enjoyed economic growth over a long period, and despite our problems with wage stagnation, inequality, and rising concern about affordability, our overall performance — both political and economic — holds up well against our chief global rivals, Russia and China.

That is why our economy continues to attract outside investment and why our shores remain a top destination for refugees and immigrants. And it is why, quite remarkably for a superpower, we have friends, allies, and partners whose ties are voluntary, based on shared ideals and values.

We can always do better, of course. Some of our alliances have become frayed or late. And it may be that we're no longer at the pinnacle of global power we once enjoyed. But we've been able to protect our standing without descending into outright war, and though our global challenges are sobering and we have to appreciate the constraints on our power — we're not going to make every country in the world peaceful, prosperous, and democratic — we can still have a profound influence for the better on the world around us.

This is in part due to the nature of

our democracy. I don't buy into the view that our country is collapsing. Yes, I understand that we have a vigorous public debate that goes on between the right and the left, and that as liberals, conservatives and moderates all compete aggressively for power, sometimes the competition gets out of hand. It's not a perfect process, but it has served us well on the whole. Most notably, we have a longstanding tradition of free and fair elections, a free press, separation of powers, the rule of law (though some of these are under stress right now) and an active civil society.

All of these produce a feature of our democracy that constantly impresses me: our capacity for reform. Our freedoms give us the capability to stand back, watch the process unfold, search for the truth, try to understand what's happening in the country and the world, and then make decisions based on the information we have in front of us. If we make a mistake, which is hardly uncommon, we have the ability to correct it — usually by working through the system to change course. True, popular protests in this country occasionally turn violent, but more often than not we sort out our problems peaceably by working together.

This is why I don't share the gloom I see in a lot of the predictions about where we're headed. Since our founding — in fact, it's right there at the start of the Constitution — we have striven to achieve “a more perfect union,” and though that goal has suffered setbacks and at times seemed beyond reach, over the course of our history we've always been able to advance toward it. It takes hard work to overcome the challenges and to bounce back, but our capacity for self-renewal is strong and no less vital now than it ever was. We should remember that.

Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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come to the emergency department if they feel that they need emergency department level of care,” said Gallagher. “We don't necessarily want people who may just have a mild cough to come to the emergency department. We do want to have the capacity to handle all the patients who have conditions that require an extreme level of care.”

Gallagher said that the symptoms are relatively similar in fever, cough, chills, body aches, shortness of breaths. “It can be very difficult to differentiate between both the flu and the coronavirus, which is why when people come in for evaluation and testing, we generally do testing for influenza first to make sure they don't have that since that we have circulating in the community,” said Gallagher.

Compared with the coronavirus, the CDC reported there have been 32 million cases, several thousand hospitalizations, and around 18,000 deaths this flu season, according to a press release from Baystate Health Hospitals.

In terms of COVID-19's mortality rate, Gallagher said that it is somewhere between 1 and 3 percent. “There is a little bit of a difference depending on which site you get the information from as well as whether it's just in China or whether it's just worldwide, but it's the information we have now,” said Gallagher.

According to the press release, in order to avoid the possibility of coming across

the virus, it's recommended that everyone avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth, stay home when sick except to get medical care, cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue, clean surfaces frequently with water and detergent and wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is recommended.

According to another press release from Baystate, as of Mar. 6, a new visitor policy has been established to protect the health and safety of all Baystate Health Hospital patients. Now, patients can only have one visitor at a time if they are not experiencing symptoms of a fever and/or a cough. At the Children's Hospital in Springfield, no visitors are allowed under the age of 12.

Available hospitals include Baystate Medical Center and Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield, Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield. For more information on, visit baystatehospital.org.

Ludlow Public Schools bracing for possible outbreak

Todd Gazda, superintendent of the Ludlow Public Schools, said the district is prepared to follow suit and take direction from the CDC, the state Department of Public Health and the Department of Education if there's an outbreak in the area.

Gazda said the question of whether or

not Ludlow Public Schools may close as a result of the virus “isn't a straightforward answer,” since it depends on how the virus spreads.

“If we're looking at isolated cases, what we're seeing is that if someone has contact with a school and tests positive, the school will close for a day to do deep sanitizing of that building,” Gazda said. “We're easily prepared to address something like that.”

Affected schools across the state are learning from each other, too, he said.

“One of the things we're seeing is isolated situations pop up across the state, and superintendents are coordinating and learning from each other,” Gazda said. “So when we see situations pop up in various communities across Massachusetts, the superintendent is sharing with superintendents across the state with how it's impacting their communities and how it's playing out, so if that if a similar situation should

play out here we'll be able to handle it better because we're learning from each other.”

If the virus continues to spread, Gazda said he'd follow the recommendations of state and national agencies regarding whether or not to close the schools for a longer period of time.

If schools do close, the days would have to be made up, since the district only has one remaining snow day left this year it could use.

There has been some talk of the virus in school hallways, Gazda said, but not a pervasive sense of worry.

“I wouldn't say people are walking around with a sense of doom and gloom,” he said. “But there's definitely an awareness.”

As a precaution, the schools have ordered tissue and hand sanitizer in order to manage hygiene in the building, Gazda said.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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HUBBARD *Library* EVENTS

ONGOING

First Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. Trivia Night

The Nov. trivia theme is Games. All ages, Jeopardy style trivia with a new theme every month. Prizes are donated by local businesses. Please call 413-583-3408 for more details.

Tuesdays 6-7:45 p.m.: Anime Club for Adults

The Adult Anime Club is inviting all otaku 18 and over to meet up and watch DVD or streaming anime every Tuesday. Occasionally, we even have cosplay days.

Wednesdays 1:30-5 p.m.: Tabletop Games Club

Grab your board games, cards and dice and come join our Gaming Club! Meet up, make new friends and play RPGs like Dungeons

& Dragons or card and other board games weekly! Don't own games? We do! This club is ideal for 20 and 30 somethings, though any adult is welcome. We have a separate youth games club as well.

Board games are available to the public in the library reference room for casual in-library use as well.

Wednesdays 3-5 p.m.: VR and Video Games Club for Adults

That's right, virtual reality (VR) and video games are here. Come in to meet up and play video games. We now have two Oculus VR Headsets, a PlayStation 4, a Nintendo Switch, an XBOX One and an XBOX 360 with various games for in-house use.

Call Pat at 583-3408 ext. 110 for more information.



Ludlow MEETINGS

Board of Assessors

- 4:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of the month, Town Hall

Conservation Commission

- 6:30 p.m. First and third Wednesday. 3rd Floor, Town Hall

Board of Public Works

- 6 p.m. Every other Tuesday, DPW

Planning Board

- 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of the month, Town Hall

Board of Selectmen

- 6 p.m. Every other Tuesday. Third floor of Town Hall

Westover Golf Commission

- 7 p.m. First and third Tuesday. At golf course when open for the season. At Town Hall when course is closed.

CANDIDATES from Page 1

Ludlow is facing monumental financial commitments. We currently have a great Board that's addressing these critical constraints. We hired a new Director of Public Works who's extremely experienced in town government, finances, and fiscal responsibilities. The Director has committed to a three-year contract and will rely heavily on the input and experience of the Board members to provide the same services to the taxpayers, regardless of the financial shortfalls. His success is our success. The Town of Ludlow deserves the best. If re-elected I would like to make sure they receive it.

My top priority will be organization, efficiency, and fiscal accountability of all services provided by the Department of Public Works. I will also strive to get all employees committed to the ideology that the Town of Ludlow is our number one priority and get the entire department to enjoy the success that's created by working together.

We need to utilize Chapter 90 monies to get the biggest bang for our bucks. It's paramount to have all town recreational facilities maintained to a condition that we can all be proud of. Streetscapes shall be well maintained and safe, as well as our crosswalks and handicapped areas painted and accessible. We need to provide and maintain healthy services for the elderly. I will donate my time and personal equipment to resolve the flooding issues in the Electric Park area.

Closely monitoring the trash costs which are affecting every community in Western Mass. We will be expanding sewers to the following streets: West Orchard St., Fairview St., Belmont St., Glenwood St., Grimard St., and Tower Road.

I will also focus on cleaning up Haviland Pond and providing safe facilities for the Whitney Park programs.

Daniel Soares

I have lived in the Town of Ludlow my entire life and I'm currently an active District 1 Percent Member and a 19 year veteran of the US Military. Throughout my career in both the Military and private sector has gained me the experience and knowledge in proper business management, budgeting, heavy equipment operations, road construction operations and professionalism.

If elected some of my priorities will include tackling the increasing Recycling cost that the Town will face due to disposal cost increase. Finding alternate measures that will avoid the tax payers for enduring yet another tax increase or paying for recycling disposal. I believe that our trash collection should be covered in our tax base not an additional out of pocket cost.

I would also work closely with office staff to peruse grants that would fund public works projects as well as utilizing our current very talented public works employees on projects rather than out sourcing to private companies.

If elected to the Board of Public Works I will approach this position with professionalism, sincerity and always

keeping the residents of the Town of Ludlow at heart. I look forward to your vote on March 23, 2020 as a member of the Town of Ludlow Board of Public Works.

Stephen Santos

I am a lifelong resident of the town and the owner of a construction business for over 24 years. Prior to owning my own business, I was employed with Gomes Construction. I have worked on many construction projects including the installation of sanitary sewer mains, drainage work, water main installation and road reconstruction projects.

On March 28, 2016, I was elected to a three year term on the Board of Public Works, one of which I served as chairman. During my term as a board member, several of my campaign goals were achieved. The town purchased 20 acres of land on Center St. for the purpose of a new cemetery. The 4.5 million dollar Center Street project was approved and two sewer main expansion projects were completed on Cady St. and Rood St.

Family obligations prevented me from running for re-election in March of 2019, a year later however I wish to finish something I started. If elected on March 23, 2020, I will make the construction of the new town cemetery a top priority. There is no doubt that the town is facing some tough financial times next fiscal year. As a board member and past chairman, I worked closely with the finance committee in order to make sound financial decisions for the department. As trash disposal costs increase, I would push to re-examine the town's trash collection program. I don't believe residents should have to pay for their trash collection and disposal, it should continue to be part of the tax base just as it has in the past. Shortfalls within the town's budget should not become a burden to the residents.

I wish to remain a board member on Senior Center Building Committee to see the project to completion. If elected, I will approach the position with dedication, commitment and professionalism. I sincerely appreciate your vote on March 23, 2020 as member of the Board of Public Works.

Incumbent and candidate Guilherme F. Rodrigues did not submit a statement.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Harry V. Mills

Street: Moody Street

Age: 72

Occupation: Retired logistics manager at Monsanto/Solutia.

Experience serving on town boards and/or commissions: I'm currently a commissioner at Westover Golf Course,

appointed by the Board of Selectmen two years ago.

I've lived in Ludlow all my life. I grew up in Ludlow and played sports through the Ludlow Boys Club up through high school to the tri-county league in Ludlow. I'd like to see to the parks and the facilities along with the Haviland Pond and the pool at Whitney Street, and I would like to be able to devote the time I have, seeing as I'm retired, to make sure all the fields and facilities are kept up to date and in decent shape.

What I strongly support and continue to support are the before and after school programs, and I would like to increase funding for the campership fund for people who can't afford some of the programs.

I'd also like to entertain looking at if we need to have more playing fields because we're closing two fields at the new elementary school. I also would like to get the dog park finally approved. I would also check into possible public funding through state and federal local legislators to see if we can get funding that would not cost the town of Ludlow taxpayers any money, as a grant for anything and everything. There's other things we could use money for; the playgrounds, for instance at the Whitney Street park, could be upgraded.

I'm a disabled veteran. I've done community service for the last seven years with my dog Bella, who's a registered therapy dog. We visit nursing homes, high schools, Chapin Street Elementary, colleges, and people who are home bound and can't get out. We've visited over 2,000 people so far.

I'd appreciate your vote for me.

Jason C. Martins

Age: 38

Street: 3 Olivia circle

Occupation: Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Past Experience: I am currently the Vice Chairman on the Recreation Commission. I have been on the board since 2010.

Why am I running: I am seeking re-election because I care about our town and the people. I grew up in this town playing sports on the ball fields and enjoying all our recreational facilities. I especially want our children to continue to be able to enjoy what our town has to offer and more just like someone did for myself as a child.

If I was Elected: The primary issues that I would tackle would be restoring our parks and fields. Our board has begun the process of meeting with the Board of Public Works to begin a Plan for this initiative and it is my priority to continue to move forward. The young athletes and children of our town should be able to enjoy well maintained facilities.

LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING

STAFF WRITER POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quaboag Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

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Genealogy and family history fundraiser set for March 31

LUDLOW – A “Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser” is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple.

Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of

learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire them to just “get going” again. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.,

So much has changed in the past year alone that keeping up to date on both online and offline collections is critical. The sessions are designed for

beginner to intermediate level researchers. They will even touch on DNA to discuss which test should be used and why, what it can and what it can’t do and what to do after receiving the results. The importance of social media will be covered. Used properly, it can be very surprising what it can do for researchers.

The cost is only \$40 for the four sessions which will be comprised of an hour to an hour and a half of instruction

with time allowed for comments as well as question and answer segments. All students need is a pen and paper to take notes as there will be handouts to take home.

Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info. Send an email indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants. Knowing the number of attendees is very important so Fellowship Hall can be set up comfortably for all.

Meeting in March on new highway exit numbers

SPRINGFIELD — State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways.

After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person.

The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 84, 90, 91, 190, 290 and 395, and the expressway portions of state routes such as Route 2.

For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan

Airport, mileage-based exit numbers will start at 3 and end at 137. The former Exits 5 at Route 33 and 6 at I-291, both in Chicopee, will become Exits 49 and 51 respectively.

A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change.

The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld.

MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit www.NewMassExits.com.

Junior Achievement of West Mass receives national honor

SPRINGFIELD – Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts has been awarded one of Junior Achievement USA’s highest honors: the Five Star Award. The purpose of the Star Award is to recognize staff and boards of JA Areas that meet Junior Achievement’s national standards in operational efficiency and through strong representation of the JA brand. Recipients must demonstrate growth in student impact and superior fiscal performance. Achievement against these criteria is certified through JA USA and audited financial statements.

Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, which serves more than 13,000 students throughout Western Massachusetts and Vermont, will be presented with the award in July at Junior Achievement USA’s National Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“These Star Award winners represent the best Junior Achievement has to offer,” said Jack E. Kosakowski, president and CEO of Junior Achievement USA. “They

set the standard by which Junior Achievement’s success is measured at the local level. Their commitment and dedication to young people is reflected in their achieving this honor.”

As an organization, Junior Achievement understands that its effectiveness depends on how well JA Areas deliver the organization’s financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship programs in local communities.

“We are thrilled to receive the Five Star Award,” said Jennifer A. Connolly, president of Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts. “We thank our more than 470 classroom volunteers and corporate partners who joined with our board of directors and staff to empower thousands of young people to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.” For more information about Junior Achievement and its programs, please visit www.jawm.org.

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form with the Exit 7 Players in Ludlow.

Nicole Sousa, Veterans Park Drama Club Director said of Samantha, “She is always wearing a bright smile, is very conscientious about her studies and eager to participate, support others and learn.”

“Samantha has a beautiful singing voice and was amazing in last year’s production of “Seussical Jr.,” in the role of Mayzie LaBird,” added Sousa. “There’s no doubt her tenacity and determination when preparing for this role are the same qualities that guide her when preparing for wrestling competitions.”

When asked about her life as a middle-schooler Samantha immediately responded, “I really like it here. I like all of my classes. All of the teachers are so nice.”

“Sammy has an enviable work ethic,” shared BMS sixth grade English teacher,

Tina DeLullo, of her student. “Not only does she give her full attention in class, she also partners well with each and every classmate and is open to their suggestions when peer editing. She challenges herself to go above and beyond what is expected, and she is willing to ask questions when needed.”

“She also makes the most out of academic support, using her time wisely to get her homework done,” continued DeLullo. “I am sure all of these qualities that I see in the classroom transfer over to her work ethic in wrestling. It’s who Sammy is!”

Whether competing in the wrestling ring, performing on stage or excelling in the classroom, Samantha’s mother, Elaine St. Pierre, said she is extremely proud of her multi-talented daughter.

“I’m very excited to see all of the possibilities to come her way in the future,” she said.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire officials ask public's to help prevent brush fires

REGION – State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, “Early spring is typically the time when firefighters are busy fighting brush fires. As the season changes, the winds can be strong and unpredictable. Please conduct open burning safely and watch the wind. Have a permit and to be ready to shut it down quickly if the weather changes.”

April worst month

Historically April is the worst month for brush fires. Many people rush to conduct open burning before the season ends on May 1 and may burn too much at once. Spring is typically a windy time of the year as the weather pattern changes. The snow pack has melted, but the ground is only just starting to green up and

there is plenty of dry vegetation and leaves from last year to serve as tinder. Dry, hot and windy conditions make it perfect for brush fires to start and to get out of control, and hard for firefighters to bring them under control.

Don't delay

If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately. “Winds can fan the flames and fire can spread faster than a person can run,” said Ostroskey. “Use the utmost caution to prevent injury and damage to your own and your neighbor's property,” he added.

Low Number of 2019 Brush Fires Not Likely to be Repeated

“Due to the wet spring, 2019 had the sec-

ond lowest number of brush fires on record; we are not likely to be so lucky in 2020,” said Ostroskey. “The spring brush fire season has already started.” The five-year average number of brush fires (2015-2019) is 5,065. In 2019, there were only 2,705 brush fires in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System collects data on grass fires, brush fires, wildland fires, woods fires and other outside natural vegetation fires and we refer to them as “brush fires.”

Taxing departments

Brush fires are labor intensive and take a long time to bring under control. Multiple brush fires can severely tax a community's firefighting resources. Prevention is the best

approach.

Burn safely

Open burning that has gotten out of control is the cause of many brush fires. Open burning season, in communities where it is allowed, ends on May 1. A permit is required from the local fire warden, usually the local fire chief. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable. “Weather conditions change rapidly, so watch the wind and be prepared to extinguish your brush pile. A sudden wind change is how most open burning fires get out of control,” said Ostroskey.

Open burning is prohibited at all times in these communities: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield, Worcester.

State fire wardens determine each day whether conditions are safe for open burning. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens. Follow local procedures for using the permit on any given day.

How to Safely Burn Brush

•Burn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the fire chief).

•Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at 800-882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.

•Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.

•Have fire suppression tools handy; keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose, and a shovel and a rake close by.

•An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.

•Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.

•Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.

•Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.

•Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

Putt-A-Thon sets May 15 return to the Common

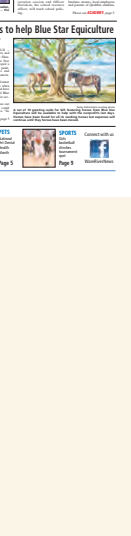
BELCHERTOWN – The 16th Annual Putt-A-thon, hosted by Bell & Hudson Insurance in support of the Jimmy Fund, has set a return date for this year of Friday, May 15.

Held annually on the town common, residents are invited to turn out for an afternoon of mini-golf, a silent auction, live DJ music and more. Three tee times will be offered at 2, 4, and 6 p.m. for interested participants.

Players, volunteers and sponsors are needed. Want to learn more? Contact Bell & Hudson Insurance at 413-32309611 or toll free at 800-894-9591, Facsimile: 413-323-8132, by email at puttathon@bellandhudson.com, or by stopping by in person at the company's home location at 19 North Main St. in Belchertown.

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INDIAN ORCHARD

Citizens Council invites residents to annual meeting



Left to right are Indian Orchard Citizens Council's President Zaida Govan, Vice President Jacqueline Farrow, Interim Chairman Paul Caron, and Board Member Nancy Ebner.

By Jonah Snowden
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INDIAN ORCHARD – In 1976, the Indian Orchard Citizens Council was incorporated with one mission in mind – to bring the community together through different outreach efforts. Even today, with new members running the council, the mission remains the same.

A lot of the council's community outreach efforts include putting together and participating in local events in the community that will get residents together, get a chance to meet the group and have a good time. "What we want to do is engage residents to come out and be a part of the community and do what it takes to improve the quality for our neighbors," said Council President Zaida Govan.

Events that the council puts together include their annual Food Truck Festival every October, an annual Christmas party, an Asian Thanksgiving Dinner, an upcoming community garden in April, fundraisers, and more.

Govan said that they also work closely with different organizations, such as the Indian Orchard branch of the Springfield Library, local schools, and the Wellspring Harvest Greenhouse, to guarantee putting together

events that will "liven up" the neighborhood. An example would be the recent collaboration between Champions Nutrition and the Harvest Greenhouse, who along with the council, put together a Harvest Event last October, where families of toddlers and preteens were invited to indulge in delicious treats, participate in pumpkin decorating, and have their pictures taken through a photo-booth.

Regarding these outreach efforts, Citizen Council Vice President Jacqueline Farrow said that she enjoys participating in "hands-on activities with the public," and hopes to soon to provide the public with three to four days' of activities a week.

Other outreach efforts also include meeting with residents and discuss any of their needs and concerns.

For example, Govan said if a new business was to set up shop in town, they would be encouraged to meet with the council to see if they will have residences around them. From there, the council would organize a meeting with the residents and business owners to make sure both parties are aware of what is going on. Also, residents would be given the chance to share their opinions on the business.



The Indian Orchard Citizens Council's annual Christmas Party. Indian Orchard Citizens Council invites residents to get involved.

As for the council, Govan said that she and the rest of the members will continue their outreach efforts and encourage residents to show up to their events.

"I want everybody to come out regardless of what your income is, socio-economic background, and racial background is," said Govan. "We want everybody to be involved and to feel welcome."

Currently, the council is looking for six more members. If interested, bring a letter of interest to possibly be voted onto the council at their annual meeting, scheduled for March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at 117 Main St.

Govan said that City Councilors Jesse Lederman and Orlando Ramos will also be in attendance, along with Chief

Development Officer Timothy Sheehan, who will talk about money being used to improve Indian Orchard. She also said that Justin Hurst, president of the Citizens Council, should be attending the meeting as well.

Residents will also be able to share any concerns that they have. "That's our first item in the agenda," said Govan. "We listen to the public and ask for their concerns, their input, and their opinions. I also don't want to just hear complaints. I want to hear that something good happened in Indian Orchard."

For more information on the council, visit their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/myioccc/>, or call 413-209-8240.

Immaculate Conception offers annual fish dinners

INDIAN ORCHARD – Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard, located at 25 Parker St., will be hosting their annual fish dinners every Friday through April 3, in the parish hall. Diners may eat in or order take-out from 4 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults

and \$6 for children under 10. The meal consists of a choice of fried or baked fish, mashed potatoes or French fries, homemade coleslaw and beverage. Dessert may be purchased separately and frozen homemade pierogi, golabki and cabbage soup will be available for purchase.

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Lions fall in quarterfinals



Nick Teixeira tries to bring down an offensive rebound.



Josh Hurst reaches out for a shot.



Sam Abdou attempts a three-pointer.

LUDLOW – In their first playoff game in several years, the Ludlow High School boys basketball team entered the Western Massachusetts Division 2 tournament, facing Longmeadow in the quarterfinals and falling 72-32. The Lions went 10-10 and earned the No. 7 seed. Unfortunately, No. 2 Longmeadow had a very powerful offense and Ludlow was no match for the Lancers, falling behind by 20 points early. Malik Serisser and Ethan Schwartz had 10 points each in the loss.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Ethan Schwartz goes for a free throw.

Siblings receive purple belts



Submitted photo

Leia Begin and Michael Begin with instructor Sibak Michael Dumas.

LUDLOW – The newest students of Griffin’s Judo & Karate have much to be proud of. Local Ludlow residents and siblings, Leia and Michael Begin, have been training together for the past year at the Indian Orchard Branch of Griffin’s Judo & Karate under the instruction of Sigung John Williams. In that time, they have competed and participated in several martial arts events, including board breaking, in-house sparring and other competitions.

In February, both Leia and Michael were tested and received their Kajukenbo Purple

Belts in this unique self-defense style of karate. The testing was held at the Red Tiger Kajukenbo Studio in Gales Ferry, Connecticut. The promotional examination was extensive and the children performed very well.

“I am proud of them both,” said Instructor Sibak Michael Dumas. “They were very attentive and focused on the goals for the promotion. I am sure their family and friends are extremely proud of them.”

Instructor Michael Dumas,

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St. Patrick’s Road Race set for next weekend

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – The weather is trending upward and people from far and wide are heading to the St. Patrick’s Road Race set for downtown Holyoke on Saturday, March 21 with the main race kicking off at 1 p.m.

More than 6,000 runners and walkers took part in last year’s road race, with Louis Serafini of Somerville winning the overall race at 29:37. A local from South Hadley, Danielle Winslow, completed the race at 35:43 and was the top female in the race.

The weather has continued to be milder than normal for the year, and the trend could continue be as the racers have been practicing in weather ranging from 45 to 70 degrees as of March 9. The early forecasts for

race day are calling for temperature in and around 60 degrees and possible rain showers.

Many racers that have taken part in the event in the past have said the somewhat colder temperatures are supposed to help with running.

The 10K Road Race is set 1 p.m. at Maple and Lyman Streets and continuing through some hilly streets in downtown Holyoke.

The race is the second major race that takes place in 2020, following the 10-mile race in Amherst that starts the season for many avid runners.

In this race, the top prize is \$1,000 for the male and female winners. There is also a \$1,000 bonus prize up for grabs if the course record is broken. There has not been a record-breaking in several years.



Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Top racers for last year’s St. Patrick’s Day Road Race warm up right before race time.

The race will also feature the kids race and a two-mile walk. The kids race will be started by the area colleens and their courts.

The Holyoke Grand Colleen and her court will greet the winner of the main road race.

Race Organizer Brian Dono-

ghue anticipates as many as 1,000 children will take part in this year’s race thanks to the better weather. Cookies and juice are provided for child participants.

Donoghue said there will be a heavy police presence and secu-

rity cameras monitoring the area.

For more information or to sign up for the race, go to www.holyokestpatrickroadrace.org.

Signups are still ongoing for the race and many different types of people take part in the race, whether it be for competition, charity, a challenge, or just for fun.

Families also make it an event, such as the case for Steve and Sam Gawron of South Hadley, who will run in the race together.

Others, like Griffin’s Friends, a group locally that supports children with cancer, round up several harriers and raise money for their cause.

Running groups, like the Western Mass Distance Project, will push each other in the race. Winslow, last year’s female winner, is a member of that group.

Athlete of the Week

NAME: Ethan Schwartz
TOWN: Ludlow

Schwartz led Ludlow with 10 points in Ludlow's first playoff appearance in several years, a loss against Longmeadow High on Feb. 28.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players in upcoming season

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season, which is set to begin near the end of April. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early

May. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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T-Birds get much-needed win over Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (31-27-3-0) outlasted the Hartford Wolf Pack (31-19-6-5) in a spirited Sunday afternoon matinee by a final count of 4-1 inside the MassMutual Center.

At the 6:50 mark of the first, after both teams failed on earlier power play chances, the game devolved into a powder keg when Ryan Haggerty and Darren Raddysh wrestled one another to the ice. Moments later, every other skater on the ice picked a sparring partner in a no-holds-barred brawl. By the time the dust settled, Vinni Lettieri and Mason Geertsen of Hartford were ejected, and Brady Keeper received a similar punishment for Springfield.

After the lengthy delay to sort out the mess, the T-Birds finally got to the scoreboard first at 12:40 of the first as Joel Lowry located a loose puck outside the blue paint and knocked it past Adam Huska as he was falling. Rodrigo Abols and Chase Priskie picked up the helpers to give Springfield the 1-0 lead, which stood into the intermission.

After he served penalty time from the brawl, Matt Beleskey emerged from the box only to land back in the sin bin for five minutes when he boarded Will Lochead late in the first

period.

Despite having all that man-up time, the T-Birds could not take advantage of the power play, and shortly after killing the duration of the penalty to start the second, Ryan Dmowski got Hartford back even at 3:53 of the middle period off assists from Ty Ronning and Nick Ebert.

On a day when the two teams combined for nine successful penalty kills, the T-Birds finally broke the tie with three final period goals. Priskie scooped up his second point of the night at 6:12 as Daniel Audette found him from the left-wing side after a turnover by Hartford in its own zone.

With the 2-1 lead in tow into the final minutes, Abols added to the lead at 18:15, as a left-circle shot hit the post, then pinballed in off of Ebert to give Springfield a 3-1 advantage.

Danick Martel, who assisted on the Abols goal, then added one of his own with just 34 seconds remaining, his third goal in two games, to round out the scoring. Philippe Desrosiers was magnificent in the T-Birds net, stopping 34 of 35 to pick up his 16th win.

Springfield and Hartford rematch inside the MassMutual Center on Friday night at 7:05 p.m.

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a Springfield Police Officer, trained under the leadership of Sigung John Williams, a 7th degree Black Belt and the late Grand Master Kalaii K. Griffin.

Leia and Michael are both students in the Ludlow School System. Leia is a 2nd Grader at Chapin Elementary School and Michael is a 1st grader at East Street Elementary School. Leia says she wants to achieve her black belt before she is ten years old and that she wants her father to be proud of her work. For his part, their father, Michael Sr., has said that he is already impressed with both of his children, es-

pecially how their focus, attention, and self-control has improved. This has also translated to their schoolwork according to their father.

In the meantime, the Began children plan to continue to attend karate classes and hopefully achieve their goals.

With several branches in New England (Springfield Mass, Ware Mass, Indian Orchard Mass, and Southeastern Conn), Griffin's Judo & Karate is the East Coast representative of the Ka-jukenbo Self Defense Institute, a martial arts developed in Hawaii. For further information about Griffin's Karate, contact Sifu John Williams at 413-693-5537.



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\$180 per week/per child: Ludlow Resident
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Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist’s entries. The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open weekends April 4 to April 19. Will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson. The Monson Arts Council

show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and print-making). Also, \$800 is given in additional prizes and a People’s Choice Award is selected by visitors to the show opening. Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/

one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form. Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11 at 8 p.m. Above fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online. Sales shop open to all entrants The Monson Arts Council offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for

sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website. Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke Community College. Holly S. Murray, ceramics educator and director of William Blizzard Gallery at Springfield College and Eric Gehring, of Boston Camera Club and Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in Boston. Artists may read the juror biographies and full explanation of the jury process online. The Major sponsor for prizes is Monson Savings Bank. Moulton Insurance Agency under-

writes a special prize for Outstanding Monson Artist in show. Other sponsors include Media Sponsor, Turley Publications, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Roberts & Ludlow Printing, Tree House Brewing, Giclee Printing & Framing of New England and Letterpress Arts of West Springfield. Sponsor, Dana’s Main Street Tavern, will be holding two Thursday night fundraisers to support the show. All guidelines, an application, and information about prizes and jurors may be found at www.MonsonArtsCouncil.org.

OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Carneiro, Joaquim A.
 Died March 8, 2020
 Funeral Services
 March 14, 2020
 Ludlow Funeral Home

Czupryna, Robert J.
 Died
 February 29, 2020
 All services were private
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Joaquim “Jack” Carneiro, 94

LUDLOW - Joaquim A. (Jack) Carneiro, 94, of Ludlow, passed away on March 8, 2020. Born in Milford, MA, son of the late Manuel and Jesuina Carneiro, he spent most of his childhood in Portugal before returning to the U.S. with his family and settling in Ludlow in 1941. He served with honor in the U.S. Army during World War II, returning to Ludlow after the war. In 1952 he married the love of his life, Lucille Santos, to whom he was married for 67 years until her death in 2019.

Jack retired after 30 years at Easco Hand Tools, and the couple enjoyed traveling around the country and socializing with close family and friends. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church, and a member of the Gremio Lusitano Club, the Lusitano Alumni and Fans Club, and The Elks.



Jack was predeceased by his brothers Antonio and Americo Carneiro. He is survived by his daughter Andrea Carneiro and her partner Renee Sevigny; his sister Hilda Dias; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours for Jack are on Friday, March 13th from 4:00 - 6:00pm in Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral services are on Saturday, March 14th. Visitation will begin at 10:15am concluding with a funeral service at 11:00am in the funeral home followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Jack and Lucille’s memory to the Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center Building Fund, 37 Chestnut Street, Ludlow, Ma. 0056. For additional information, please visit www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

Robert J. Czupryna, 71

LUDLOW – Robert J. Czupryna, 71, formerly of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 29,2020. Son of the late John and Helen (Ziencina) Czupryna, he was born April 6, 1948.

Robert was a graduate of Ludlow High School and STCC. Robert is survived by his sister, Evelyn McCarthy, and her husband, Daniel, of Chicopee; a nephew, David McCarthy, and his wife, Laura; two nieces,

Debra Woishnis and Lynn Roy, and her husband, Michael. Robert’s family would like to thank the staff at Chicopee Gardens Rehab and Nursing Center for the wonderful care provided to him. All services are private. There are no calling hours. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh@aol.com.

UMass to host 38th Annual New England Saxophone Festival & Competition

AMHERST - The University of Massachusetts Department of Music & Dance invites saxophone players, students, enthusiasts, and teachers to attend the 38th Annual New England Saxophone Festival and Competition, which will take place throughout the day on March 28, 2020 in Bezanson Recital Hall and the Fine Arts Center Music Wing.

Organized by UMass Saxophone Studio professors Jonathan Hulting-Cohen and Felipe Salles, the Festival features concerts and interactive clinics by the two faculty members as well as guest artists Adam Larson (jazz), and husband and wife duo Otis & Haruko Murphy (classical). The day-long event also includes the annual Gerry’s Music High School Competition, where winners earn the chance to perform as the opening act for the guest artist performances later in the day, plus earn prizes like pro gear and gift certificates from Gerry’s Music Shop. College and graduate students can take part in master classes and perform in the Col-

lege Showcase, and Professor Hulting-Cohen will lead the always-popular Community Saxophone Ensemble, which gives sax players of all skill levels the chance to rehearse and perform with participants from all over New England. The festival will also feature a range of participatory events and equipment exhibitions that are sure to appeal to saxophone players of all levels and interests.

The festival culminates with two free concerts – the first, by host faculty Salles and Hulting-Cohen at 4 p.m., followed by a performance by the three guest artists at 7 p.m. Both concerts take place in Bezanson Recital Hall, located at 151 Presidents Drive, Amherst.

The cost to attend the full day of festival events is \$30, and includes lunch. UMass faculty, staff, and students are admitted free. Evening performances are free and open to the public.

For registration and other general information about the Festival, please visit more.UMass.edu/saxophone/festival.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage. For more information on news or community features for The Ludlow Register, please email ludlowregister@turley.com.

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DATEBOOK

ONGOING

MARRIAGE WORKS IN CHRIST The Marriage Enrichment series, Marriage Works in Christ, is scheduled once each month on a Friday evening at the SJB Pastoral Center. Married couples are cordially invited to attend these Friday evening sessions scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. The program is an uplifting, down-to-earth video series for husbands and wives to enjoy together and is a response to the need for a better understanding and appreciation of God's plan for marriage and family life. We encourage all couples to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time together and focus on your relationship as a Christ-centered vocation. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention! Couples need not attend all sessions-just choose the dates that work with your schedule - and come join us! The sessions are free of charge and childcare is also offered at no charge for children age 2 and up. Program dates are Fridays, Dec. 6, 2019 and Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3, 2020. For more information call Dick and DuAnne Pasquini at 413-610-0509.

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmassrelics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

EVENTS

CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING – The Indian Orchard Citizens Council will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m., at 117 Main St. in Springfield. The Council looks forward to hearing from city officials including its own Ward 8 City Councilor Orlando Ramos and the City Council President Justin Hurst and City Councilor Jesse Lederman, and possibly others, on the status of the neighborhood and city. It is also looking for board members to fill vacant seats on the council. Those who love Indian Orchard or have a business there please come out and find out how to get involved. The Council looks forward to hearing from its neighbors about what they would like to see in the Orchard and hear what could be improved. It looks forward to seeing residents and business people on March 11. Anyone may reach President Zaida Goven at iocc.council@gmail.com for information on how to get involved.

THE LUDLOW ROTARY Charitable Foundation Annual Fundraiser is this week. Get tickets now at the link below. This the club is welcoming Jimmy Mazz! Legends & Laughter, which takes a musical journey through his favorite songs by a wide variety of performers from the classics to today's contemporary artists hot off the Las Vegas Strip over the years. Jimmy's high energy and enthusiasm is tempered only by his ultra smooth vocals as he creates his impressions of Rod Stewart, Joe Cocker, The Beatles, Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, The Temptations, Tony Orlando, Prince, Bobby Darin, Michael Jackson and David Bowie. His versatility and song selection are the keys. Combined with his ability to sound like the original artist in many cases,

his voice is rich and elegant. Also joining us will be DJ Jesse Paulo to help dance the night away.

CORNEBEEF DINNER The Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council 3535 is sponsoring a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center, 201 Hubbard St, Ludlow. Chef Mike Trexler, from Randalls Farm, will prepare a delicious meal of Boar's Head corned beef and all the fixings. There will also have live Irish entertainment, an Irish raffle table and a cash bar. Tickets are \$16 each (only \$12 if purchase by March 10). The dinner sold out last year so get tickets soon by calling Gary at 413-636-6732 or Jim at 413-543-4831 or stop by St Elizabeth's Parish rectory.

LUPA ZOO will hold its "17th annual Winter Fundraiser" on Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at the Polish American Citizen's Club located at 355 East St. There will be Polish-American buffet diner, a raffle and music. Tickets are \$35 each. To purchase tickets, call 413-589-9883 or email info@lupazoo.org.

THREE-DAY RETREAT "A Walk to the foot of the Cross with Jesus and Mary" will be held at St Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, on March 23, 24, and 25 at 7

p.m. Dr. Daniel and Mrs Meghan Baillargeon will be the retreat speakers. Dr Baillargerion is a Catholic educator who has committed himself to researching and advancing Catholic education around the country. He is currently serving as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Springfield. Dan and his wife Meghan have a passion for evangelization and sharing Christ's message of love and truth. Our Deanery wide Penance Service will take place at our church on Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

GENEALOGY FUNDRAISER A "Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser" is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape, including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire them to just "get going" again. Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info indicating intentions to attend and the number

of participants.

CHICKEN PIE DINNER and Dessert Auction Is Coming! Please join St John the Baptist School for the 12th Annual Chicken Pie Dinner and Dessert Auction on Saturday, March 28th at 5 p.m. at the Pastoral Center at St Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow. Tickets are \$7 pp for adults and \$4 for children under 10 (0-4 free). Following dinner our Dessert Auction will take place at 5:45 pm. This is our favorite part of the evening. There will be exotic, interesting cakes, pies, and baked goods to be auctioned. All proceeds benefit the school technology fund. Tickets will be sold at the door or you can call the school at 583-8550. After the event, chicken pies will be sold for \$4 each.

FISH DINNERS available at Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard, located at 25 Parker St., which will be hosting their annual fish dinners every Friday through April 3, in the parish hall. Diners may eat in or order take-out from 4 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. The meal consists of a choice of fried or baked fish, mashed

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March 11-March 18

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9 a.m. Walking with Purpose – (FLBH, ER, ZR), 3:30
p.m. Youth Group – (JR), 4:30 p.m. Holy Mother Choir
Rehearsal – (C), 6 p.m. Walking with Purpose – (ER),
6 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C), 6:30 p.m. Scripture
Reflection – (ZR), 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection – (ZR),
6:30 p.m. Scouts – (JR/FLBH),
Thursday, March 12: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 5:30
p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal – (C),
Friday, March 13: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 6 p.m.
Evening Prayer – (C),
Saturday, March 14: 3 p.m. Confessions – (C), 4 p.m.
Mass – (C), 5:30 p.m. K of C Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner – (FLBH/K)
Sunday March 15: 7:30 a.m. Mass – (C), 8:00 a.m.
Take & Eat Program – (FLBH/K), 9:15 a.m. Mass –
(C), 11 a.m. Mass - (C), 5 p.m. Mass - (C)
Monday, March 16: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 6:30
p.m. Friends of St. Elizabeth – (ZR)
Tuesday, March 17: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 5 p.m.
Adult Confirmation Class – (JR), 6:30 p.m. St. Rita
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**NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Relative to
PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5
LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BYLAW**

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s zoning bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place:
Ludlow Town Hall,
Selectmen’s Conference Room, 3rd fl.
Date:
**Thursday,
March 26, 2020***
Time:
7:15 PM
Applicant:
Planning Board
Location:
488 Chapin Street,
Ludlow, MA

*If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:00 PM on April 9, 2020.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk’s Office. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following: **SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS 6.10 LARGE - SCALE , GROUND- MOUNTED, PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS** by adding to **6.10.5 Design Standards (a) Dimensional and Density Requirements.** For large-scale, ground-mounted, photovoltaic systems located in areas zoned Agriculture and Agriculture Moderate Density Overlay, the minimum lot frontage requirement is reduced to 50 feet.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
3/11, 3/18/2020

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
Ludlow Department of
Public Works
Invitation for Re-Bids
For Certain Annual
Materials & Services
Contracts**

The Town of Ludlow will receive re-bids for furnishing certain materials and services as needed for the yearly period from 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. Specifications and Re-Bid Forms are available at the Town of Ludlow, Department of Public Works Office, 198 Sportsmen’s Road, Ludlow, Massachusetts. Re-Bid forms cannot be picked up unless the bidder is MassDOT Pre-Qualified for applicable bid items. Re-Bids shall be submitted and addressed to the Board of Public Works and marked “**Ludlow DPW Annual Re-Bid for Certain Materials and Services**”. Re-Bids will be received at the Department of Public Works Office **until 10:30 A.M March 19, 2020** at which time they will be publicly opened in the Board of Public Works Conference Room. The Town of Ludlow reserves

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3/04, 3/11/2020

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P0338EA
Estate of:
Helena Pederneira
Date of Death:
06/23/2019**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ana P Ferris** of Ludlow, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ana P Ferris of Ludlow, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
3/11/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P0454EA
Estate of:
Jane Howes Godin
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Jane H. Godin
Date of Death:
2/12/2008**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Arthur P. Godin** of Sturbridge, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Arthur P. Godin of Sturbridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to

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3/11/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0393EA
Estate of:
Peter S. Czajkowski
Date of Death: 10/22/2019**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kathleen Labadorf** of Columbia CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kathleen Labadorf** of Columbia CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/27/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS , Hon .
Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 27, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/11/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0391EA
Estate of: Edna E Connor
Also known as:
Edna Connor
Date of Death: 01/24/2020**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by Janet Vigneault of Ludlow MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Janet Vigneault** of Ludlow MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of xxxxxxxx.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS , Hon .
Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 26, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/11/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0361 EA
Estate of:
Robert Paul Beaulieu**

**Also known as:
Robert P Beaulieu
Date of Death: 10/17/2019**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michelle A Arsenault** of Reading MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michelle A Arsenault** of Reading MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/23/2020**.

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**WITNESS , Hon .
Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 24, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
3/11/2020

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT /
HOME OCCUPATION**
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:20 p.m.*** on the application of Dennis and Melanie Fialho for property located at **169 Stevens Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – property management.** Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

***If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:20**

p.m. on April 9, 2020.
Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
3/11, 3/18/2020

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT /
HOME OCCUPATION**
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.*** on the application of Steve Levesque for property located at **154 Cedar Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – landscaping.** Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

***If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2020.**

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
3/11, 3/18/2020

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT /
HOME OCCUPATION**
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:05 p.m.*** on the application of Robert Ziemba for property located at **26 Wilno Avenue, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – small machine shop.** Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

***If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:05 p.m. on April 9, 2020.**

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
3/11, 3/18/2020

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT /
HOME OCCUPATION**
The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen’s Conference Room on **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:25 p.m.*** on the application of Paul Babiec for property located at **69 Amherst Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – home remodeling.** Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office. ***If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:25 p.m. on April 9, 2020.**

Raymond Phoenix
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3/11, 3/18/2020

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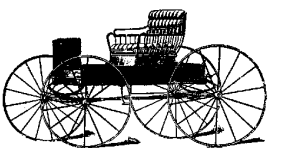
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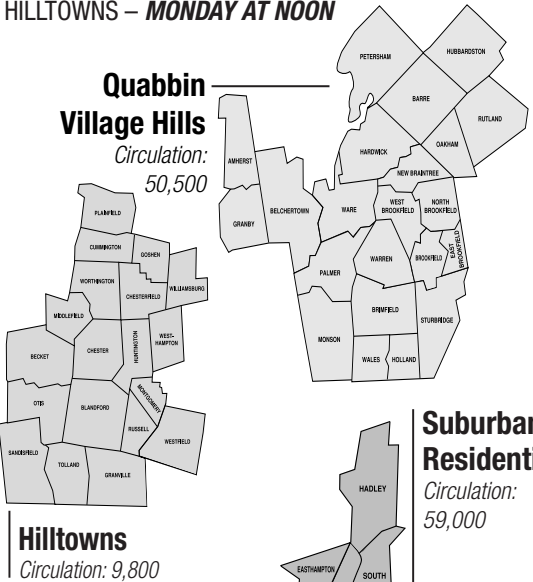
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“This moment is about opportunity,” said Senator Eric P. Lesser, D-Longmeadow. “When we see net zero by 2050 as a goal that pushes people to

re-imagine an economy around green jobs. This legislation sets an ambitious target and allows for the ingenuity of our people, our businesses, and our communities to step up and offer solutions whether that is in our homes, in our manufacturing, in our visions for transportation or solar and wind energy. Now is the time that we can begin to get excited about tackling this challenge as a Commonwealth to lead and drive the economy. Springfield has one of the highest asthma rates in the country. We need the resources to fight that. We need cleaner emissions and a cleaner environment to help improve the health of our young people.”

“I am proud of the Senate for acting

quickly on this legislation which takes a historic step in our fight to reduce harmful emissions that hurt our planet and our residents,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. “I commend Senator Barrett for his diligence in crafting a thorough legislative package that takes concrete steps to combat climate change by providing a plan to create a greener, healthier and more sustainable future. I would like to thank Senator Barrett and Senator Michael Rodrigues for their contributions to this next generation climate leadership.”

“We’ve written the strongest climate statute in the nation,” said Senator Mike Barrett, Senate Chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee and the bill’s chief author. “The bills started out strong. Then they got better as debate went on. More protection for low and moderate income families. Special sensitivity to the climate challenges facing small towns and rural areas. Retraining for

people who may need to change jobs as we green the economy. In the fight against climate change, this lifts Massachusetts to the next level.”

Key provisions included as part of the policy include setting a statewide greenhouse gas limit for the year 2050 of “net zero” emissions by addressing emissions in several sectors and creating “clear, comprehensive, and specific” implementation plans. The act would also assist in establishing the Massachusetts Climate Policy Commission, a new, independent public watchdog group that would oversee the government’s handling of the climate crisis by offering non-partisan, science-based views of the problem across the state.

The act would further aid in areas including reflecting the price of carbon, providing legislative direction to the Department of Public Utilities after decades of omission, jumpstarting efforts to supply low-cost solar electricity to

low-income communities as well as allowing cities and towns to adopt a “net zero” stretch energy code, effectively aiding municipalities to move away from fossil fuels as primary energy sources, among numerous other measures.

A full version of “An Act Setting Next Generation Climate Policy” and its various provisions can be viewed online at <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S2477>. The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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